GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COAL AND MINES
LOK SABHA

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DISINVESTMENT OF DANKUNI UNIT OF CIL
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Will the Minister of COAL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a): the details of capital investment made by the Coal India Ltd. for establishing Dankuni unit;

(b): whether it is not possible for the Coal India Ltd. to run this unit after modernising it;

(c): if so, the reasons therefore; and

(d): the steps taken by the CIL in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR COAL & MINES (SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD)

(a): The total capital invested at Dankuni Plant up to 31.03.2002 is Rs. 141.05 crores. The details are as under:

(Rs. in crores)

Land	3.69
Plant & Machinery	110.45
Building, Road & Culverts	17.85
Railway siding and stock yard	7.67
Vehicles	0.38
Furniture & others	1.01
Total	141.05

(b) & (c):Dhankuni Plant is incurring loss since its inception. Dankuni Plant cannot be economically viable even after modernisation unless remunerative price for its products are received.

(d) : The following steps have been taken by CIL:-

i) State Government has been requested for granting relief in cess and royalty of coal the plant gets from ECL and also to hike the price of gas being supplied to M/s Greater Calcutta Gas Supply Corporation.To reduce cost coal from SECL is being presently used at Dankuni instead of coal from ECL even by paying higher freight charge.

ii) Concurrently, action has been taken to lease out/ sell the entire plant on the basis of tender.